

Introduced by: Council Member Berger  
Date July 28, 1998  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

**CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION #98-19**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NAMING OF THE BETHEL AIRPORT  
THE BETHEL RAY CHRISTIANSEN AIRPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Airport has been ranked third in total traffic volume within the state and is simply referred to locally as the "airport"; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an individual who served our community over many years, in his capacities as a trusted bush pilot, commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, a state legislative representative and state senator, who championed important local and native issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this individual served on the Bethel city council, and was elected statewide chairman of his political party. He was also a leader with the Alaska Federation of Natives as they lobbied for and won a native land claims settlement from U.S. Congress; and

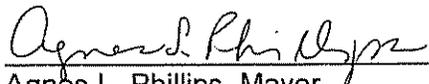
**WHEREAS**, this individual also served as the first president and chairman of the Calista Regional Native Corporation, while maintaining his own air taxi service in Bethel for many years; and

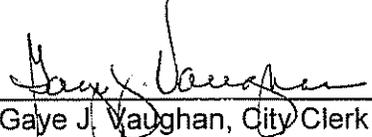
**WHEREAS**, it would be a fitting tribute to an individual who gave so much of this time to our community over his lifetime, to be remembered by his many friends and associates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports this resolution to nominate the name of "Raymond C. Christiansen" to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Aviation Division, and the Federal Aviation Administration for consideration in renaming the Bethel Airport as the Bethel Ray Christiansen Airport.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 1998, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.**

ATTEST:

  
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

  
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Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk